THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 25th May 1946.

The House met in the Legislative Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy President (Sri K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—An asterisk(*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member].

I.—SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Members who have not taken their oath yesterday will now please take the oath."

The following members took the oath of allegiance :—

(1) Sri K. Manathunainatha Desigar.

(2) ,, C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.

(3) ,, O. P. Ramaswami Reddiyar.

II.—ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

* MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The only item of business for to-day is the election of the President of the Council under section 65 (5) of the Government of India Act, 1935. We will now proceed with the election of the President of the Council. Under rule 7 (4) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I have first to read out to the Council the names of members who have been duly nominated for the Presidentship together with those of the proposers and seconders :—

Member nominated.	Proposer.	Seconder.
Sri R. B. Ramakrishna Raju.	**Sri T. K. Madhava Menon.**	**Sri B. Bheema Rao.**
Do.	**Sri K. Natarajan** ..	**,, N. Sankara Reddi.**

" As only one member, viz., Sri R. B. Ramakrishna Raju, has been nominated, under rule 7 (4) of the Council Rules, I declare him elected and I call upon him to occupy the President's Chair. **(Applause.)**

" It only remains for me to tender to the Hon. Sri B. Ramakrishna Raju my sincere congratulations on his election.

" Sir, you come from an ancient Kshatriya zamindari family of Karvetnagar. Yet for the cause of the country you made great sacrifices and to-day the country has amply rewarded you by making you the President of this Council. Sir, we formed a partnership in jail for mutual benefit. In jail, we were put in the same cell and we shared the rations and had common study. And least did I expect then that this partnership will continue in the Council also. As your Deputy, I can assure you of my loyal support and co-operation. If I can tell a little of the person, having observed him in close quarters, he is a great sportsman, and a good athlete.